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Applicant: Rozman, et al.  
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Title: POWER CONVERTER FOR AN ELECTRIC  
ENGINE START SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on October 23, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. There is no *prima facie* case of obviousness. If one were to substitute the second rectifier circuit of the *Yoneta, et al.* reference for the VSCF power conversion system 10 of the *Latos* reference, that would remove an important feature of the *Latos* reference arrangement. Such a modification to a reference is not permissible and the combination cannot be made. If the Examiner is proposing to add the second rectifier circuit of *Yoneta, et al.* on top of the VSCF power conversion system 10 of the *Latos* reference, that does not provide any benefit. As already noted by Applicant, the VSCF power conversion system 10 of the *Latos* reference provides the ability to operate in a starting mode and in a generating mode. (See, e.g.,

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column 3, lines 40-48). Adding a redundant "second rectifier circuit" to accomplish something that the *Latos* reference already accomplishes does not provide any benefit and does not establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness. The proposed combination of the *Latos* and *Yoneta, et al.* references cannot be made.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to review the lack of a *prima facie* case with a Supervisor if the Examiner is not already convinced that there is no *prima facie* case of obviousness. That review will have to take place subsequent to Applicant being forced to file a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review if Applicant does not receive a Notice of Allowance or some action withdrawing the current 103 rejection. It will be more efficient if the Examiner reviews that issue with a Supervisor now rather than unnecessarily forcing Applicant to go through the expense of filing a Notice of Appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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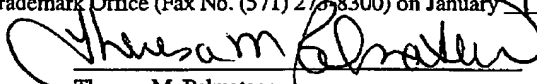
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I hereby certify that this Request for Reconsideration, relative to Application Serial No. 10/806,635, is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office (Fax No. (571) 273-8300) on January 11, 2007.

  
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